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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Fulton et al.

Title: THIAMINASES AND
THIAMINASE GENES FOR
USE IN APOPTOTIC
THERAPIES

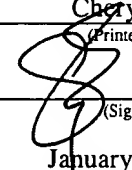
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified prior application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Kindly correct the claim numbering by renumbering the claims consecutively from 1-17.

After renumbering, cancel claims 2, 4-6, 7, and 15 without prejudice to future prosecution.